



CITY OF SEQUIM *News*

December 2017



Meeting Dates & Locations

The meetings are held at the Civic Center located at
152 West Cedar Street.

City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Work Session Council Chambers (when required)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Council Chambers	1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Parks, Arbor, and Recreation Board Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 5:30 p.m. Nov, Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Community Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting December 8 —10:00 a.m.
Arts Advisory Commission Community Conf. Room	3rd Monday 3:00 p.m.

**Special City Council Meeting December
11 at 11:15 a.m. With State Legislators**

No City Council Meeting on December 25

Passport Service to be Discontinued

The City of Sequim will no longer offer passport services beginning January 1, 2018. The service is available at Clallam and Jefferson County offices and at the Port Angeles and Silverdale Post Offices.

To learn more please visit the City website at <http://www.sequimwa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=685> or contact City Manager Charlie Bush at 360-681-3440 or cbush@sequimwa.gov.

In the Gallery...

Found Objects...Found Art

Through December 31



Join us for the Civic Center Holiday
Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday,
December 1 at 5:00 p.m.

Please contact City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at
360-681-3428 or kkuznek@sequimwa.gov with questions.

Hours: Monday—Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

**December 11—1) Comprehensive Plan Amendment
Updates**



**City offices will be closed on Monday & Tuesday,
December 25 & 26 for the Christmas holiday, and on
Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day.**

Utility Discounts Available for Low Income Residents

Changes to Qualifying Criteria for 2018

To financially assist those struggling to meet their basic needs, utility rate reductions are available for qualifying low income residents. For those that have not qualified in the past, we've made changes to the eligibility criteria to enable more households to participate in the program. You may qualify if your income does not exceed 150% of the federal poverty guidelines (increased from 125% in prior years). We are also eliminating the \$25,000 cap on income to allow larger families to qualify. There is an additional net asset based test to determine qualification, which now eliminates the primary residence in that eligibility calculation. The exact amount of your discount will be administratively determined upon receipt of all applications for the 2018 program. Qualifying applicants will see the discounted rates on their January usage bill.

Applications for the 2018 discount are due January **15, 2018** and are available at the following locations: Sequim Civic Center, DSHS, Sequim Community Aid, St Vincent De Paul, Serenity House, United Way and the Sequim Senior Center. Applications can also be downloaded from our website at <http://www.sequimwa.gov>. Please don't hesitate to call City Hall (360) 683-4139 with your questions.

Bring your Donations for the Sequim Food Bank to the Sequim Civic Center



Help to ensure a happy holiday for everyone in Sequim. The City is accepting donations of non-perishable foods for the Sequim Food Bank now through December 15. Just look for the big red barrel in the lobby. The Civic Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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Neighborhood Follow-Up Meetings Are Set

City of Sequim staff has worked with Neighborhood Ambassadors to schedule follow-up meetings from the September 9 Neighborhood Visioning Meeting. The goal for the meetings is for residents to further discuss potential service projects in their neighborhoods for the 2018 Sequim Service Fest to be held June 4—15, 2018.



Citizens will be notified by door hanger of the date, time, and location of their neighborhood meeting. Residents are encouraged to walk their neighborhood, identify potential projects, and bring those ideas to the meeting or submit their projects directly to info@habitatclallam.org.

The City of Sequim is working with Habitat for Humanity—Neighborhood Revitalization and First Federal to sponsor a group of “RV Care-A-Vanners” during the Service Fest. Local service groups and citizens are also encouraged to participate.

For more information, please contact Assistant City Manager Joe Irvin at (360) 582-2457 or jirvin@sequimwa.gov.

Water Saving Tip of the Month

In the Kitchen—SCRAPE, rather than rinse dishes before loading them in the dishwasher.



Bell Creek Flow: Guess the Date Contest

Win a prize if you pick the right (or closest) date Bell Creek starts flowing through town this winter for the “wet season.” (Wet, that is, relative to other seasons in Sequim but not to many other places in the northern hemisphere!)

If you think you can predict based on past performance, good luck.... In the last four water years continuous flow started on Feb. 4, Nov. 15, Dec. 9 and Jan. 19. But go ahead and do some online research, throw a dart, or consult the Farmer’s Almanac.

Submit your entry by email to waterinfo@sequimwa.gov or call 360-582-5710 with your Name, Phone Number, and Date chosen.

One guess per person and you must submit at least a week in advance of the right date! Flash floods and short intermittent flow don’t count: Flow should persist for at least seven days in the channel along North Blake Avenue (there is a staff gauge just upstream of the Friendship Pond at Carrie Blake Park).

No Coffee with the Mayor in December

Waterfall Restoration Project

You may have noticed some activity at the entrance to Pioneer Memorial Park. The City of Sequim and the Prairie Garden Club have partnered to restore the waterfall at the front of the park. The waterfall was originally completed in 1965, but became inoperable in the 1990’s due to leaks and other malfunctions. The water was turned off and the pool was filled with cement. The newly restored waterfall is expected to be entirely completed in the spring of 2018. A ribbon cutting and celebration will be planned at that time to commemorate the waterfall.

For more information, please contact the City of Sequim Public Works Department at 360-683-4908.

Remember to turn off your automatic sprinkler system if you have not already done so.

Prepare Your Pipes for Fall and Winter

Winterize your outside water connections.

Unhook any attached hoses from outdoor taps and drain any remaining water from the hose. Cover the taps with a Styrofoam connector, which you can purchase from a hardware store, to help prevent freezing.



If you have pipes that are not underground, disconnect them from the water source if possible and blow air through them. If disconnecting them is not possible, put insulation on or over the exposed piping.

Going out of town for a few months?

If you live in the Sequim city limits and are on City water, consider having your water shut off at the meter by the City. There is a one-time charge of \$45.00 (rate through December 2017). You would only be billed a stand-by fee of \$24.28 for water and \$24.28 for sewer (rates through December 2017) per month.

You will need to come in to City Hall and sign paperwork to have your water turned off.

After the meter has been shut off, there may still be water in the lines. Turn a faucet on until no remaining water comes through, then turn off the faucet. If possible, turn off your water valve going into the house, if you have one.



When you are ready to return, call Sequim City Hall at 360-683-4139 at least two (2) business days prior to your arrival to have the water turned on. **Please note: Someone will need to be at your home when the meter is turned on.**

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